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49TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2009

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A MEMORIAL

REQUESTING A STUDY OF OPTIONS FOR CREATING GREATER TRANSPARENCY
IN STATE GOVERNMENT BY PROVIDING AN ACCESSIBLE, SEARCHABLE
DATABASE OF STATE BUDGETS.

WHEREAS, transparency in state government is important to
good governance; and

WHEREAS, state taxpayers are entitled to know how state
tax revenue is being expended; and

WHEREAS, technology already exists that would allow the
state to provide an easily accessible and searchable database
that displays the state budget and appropriations; and

WHEREAS, it is important to the legislature to understand
the various options available to achieve the goal of budget
transparency;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF

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1 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the department
2 of finance and administration and the department of information
3 technology study various means available to create an easily
4 accessible, searchable database that displays the state budget
5 and appropriations for each year; and

6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the study include an analysis
7 of the pros and cons of the various options, and the costs
8 related to each option; and

9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the study, when complete, be
10 presented to appropriate legislative interim committees by
11 November 1, 2009 and that a copy be submitted to the library of
12 the legislative council service; and

13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
14 transmitted to the secretary of finance and administration and
15 the secretary of information technology.

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